

Transcript of the Testimony of **Christine Clark**

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| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 90</p> <p>1 A. No, sir.</p> <p>2 Q. You don't know?</p> <p>3 A. No, sir.</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. Have you ever had any marijuana in your</p> <p>5 residence at [REDACTED] Hilley?</p> <p>6 A. No, sir.</p> <p>7 Q. Okay. Has Mr. Patton ever brought marijuana to your</p> <p>8 residence at [REDACTED] Hilley?</p> <p>9 A. No, sir, not to my knowledge.</p> <p>10 Q. Okay, now, has Mr. Patton ever been -- let me go</p> <p>11 back. Mr. Patton was arrested on some firearms</p> <p>12 charge; is that right?</p> <p>13 A. He was charged the same day with another firearm</p> <p>14 charge, yes, sir.</p> <p>15 Q. Mr. Patton was arrested August 31, 2011 on a firearm</p> <p>16 charge. Yes or no? You don't know?</p> <p>17 A. I don't know.</p> <p>18 Q. Okay. Was there a firearm in your residence at [REDACTED]</p> <p>19 Hilley on August 31, 2011?</p> <p>20 A. Locked up in my closet, my Daddy's.</p> <p>21 Q. Was there a firearm in your residence --</p> <p>22 A. Yes.</p> <p>23 Q. -- in 21 Hilley on August 31, 2011?</p> <p>24 A. Correct.</p> <p>25 Q. What kind of firearm or weapon was that?</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 92</p> <p>1 Q. How many guns were there?</p> <p>2 A. I'm going to say up to possibly -- see -- I don't</p> <p>3 have an exact number, but I'm going to guess around</p> <p>4 seven maybe or more. My daddy had a bunch of</p> <p>5 hunting equipment.</p> <p>6 Q. We're going to talk about that. The question simply</p> <p>7 is how many guns were there, if you know.</p> <p>8 A. I don't know the exact number.</p> <p>9 Q. About seven?</p> <p>10 A. If I had to estimate, or more, yes, sir.</p> <p>11 Q. Okay, now you lived there. Who else lived there</p> <p>12 with you at [REDACTED] Hilley --</p> <p>13 A. My son.</p> <p>14 Q. -- back on August 31, 2011?</p> <p>15 A. My son.</p> <p>16 Q. Just your son?</p> <p>17 A. Just my son.</p> <p>18 Q. Okay, now I want to ask you, do you hunt?</p> <p>19 A. Sometimes.</p> <p>20 Q. Do you shoot guns, weapons --</p> <p>21 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>22 Q. -- pistols?</p> <p>23 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>24 Q. Do you have a concealed weapons permit?</p> <p>25 A. No, sir.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 91</p> <p>1 A. There was -- my Daddy had -- there -- I can't give</p> <p>2 you an exact, without having the paperwork in front</p> <p>3 of me.</p> <p>4 Q. Tell me what you know.</p> <p>5 A. Hunting guns.</p> <p>6 Q. Was it a rifle or was it a pistol?</p> <p>7 A. Hunting stuff, that my Daddy used for hunting.</p> <p>8 Guns. No handguns.</p> <p>9 Q. Guns, okay.</p> <p>10 A. Hunting like rifles, shotgun.</p> <p>11 Q. Okay.</p> <p>12 A. Like mag that had like a scope on it, you know. As</p> <p>13 far as handgun, no, sir.</p> <p>14 Q. So no --</p> <p>15 A. Now, well, my personal gun was locked up, but -- it</p> <p>16 was in there, with that, but they didn't take that.</p> <p>17 Q. There were weapons in your residence --</p> <p>18 A. Correct.</p> <p>19 Q. -- on August 31, 2011 at [REDACTED] Hilley --</p> <p>20 A. Under lock and key --</p> <p>21 Q. Let me --</p> <p>22 A. -- yes, sir. Yes, sir.</p> <p>23 Q. There were weapons in your residence August 31,</p> <p>24 2011, at [REDACTED] Hilley. Right?</p> <p>25 A. Right.</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 93</p> <p>1 Q. Do you ever carry a gun, a pistol anywhere, when you</p> <p>2 go out at night or anything like that?</p> <p>3 A. I have had my pistol in the glove box of my car, but</p> <p>4 not on my like --</p> <p>5 Q. I understand.</p> <p>6 A. -- person.</p> <p>7 Q. Put it in your vehicle, okay. Now, do you have a</p> <p>8 hunting license?</p> <p>9 A. Not at this time, no, sir.</p> <p>10 Q. Okay. When is the last time you've had a hunting</p> <p>11 license?</p> <p>12 A. I don't know. It's been --</p> <p>13 Q. Okay.</p> <p>14 A. I don't know.</p> <p>15 Q. Now -- now, how long have you been living at [REDACTED]</p> <p>16 Hilley, just you and your son?</p> <p>17 A. Since approximately -- I don't -- I don't really</p> <p>18 know the exact date.</p> <p>19 Q. Approximately when?</p> <p>20 A. Let's see, at 21, probably at least -- ask me the</p> <p>21 question one more time.</p> <p>22 Q. How long have you been living at [REDACTED] Hilley by</p> <p>23 yourself, with just you and your son?</p> <p>24 A. Three or four years, possibly.</p> <p>25 Q. Well, you were living there back in August of 2011.</p> |

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1 to ■ or a side door to ■ ?
2 A. Yes, there's two.
3 **Q. Okay, where are the doors going into ■ ?**
4 A. Exterior, correct?
5 **Q. Yeah.**
6 A. Okay, there's --
7 **Q. Yeah.**
8 A. See, like on the very end, it would be double, the
9 wooden doors.
10 **Q. Okay, there's a wooden door there. Okay. And is**
11 **there another one?**
12 A. Yes, that would be like right close to it.
13 **Q. Okay. Is there a double door on the back, that's**
14 **wooden? And is there a -- like a single door in the**
15 **back?**
16 A. Yes, sir.
17 **Q. Okay, now, the -- was there like an area of ■ that**
18 **was closed off or closed in? Was it a carport or a**
19 **work area or something, and then it was marked off**
20 **or built off?**
21 A. Initially the entire thing was my daddy's antique
22 car place.
23 **Q. Okay.**
24 A. As he built it, he built it in the form of a house.
25 **Q. Right.**

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1 A. And so, I mean, the entire thing -- I mean, I don't
2 understand.
3 **Q. Okay, let me rephrase that. The double doors -- and**
4 **I'm going --**
5 A. Okay, right there.
6 **Q. I'm going to color it in, okay? There's a double**
7 **door there, that I blacked in.**
8 A. Uh-huh.
9 **Q. Or blued in, rather. It's on the back. That door**
10 **is wider than a normal door, say, in a -- going into**
11 **a closet or a bedroom, right?**
12 A. Yes.
13 **Q. Okay, and that -- what's that door made out of? Is**
14 **it wood?**
15 A. The double doors?
16 **Q. Yeah.**
17 A. Yes, sir, with a steel frame possibly.
18 **Q. Okay. And is it about -- how wide is it? Is it as**
19 **wide as this table is?**
20 A. Yes, sir, or wider maybe.
21 **Q. Okay.**
22 A. I'm not sure. About maybe possibly something about
23 like the windows right there. Something --
24 **Q. Okay.**
25 A. -- close to that, possibly.

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1 **Q. Maybe --**
2 A. Might be a little less.
3 **Q. -- six or eight feet wide, something like that?**
4 **Sound about right?**
5 A. Yes, sir, I --
6 **Q. Huh?**
7 A. I mean, I'm not good with --
8 **Q. Well, okay. Well, what is the --**
9 A. But I'm guessing --
10 **Q. All right, what does that double door open into?**
11 **What room?**
12 A. The laundry room and the shower.
13 **Q. And does it open into any other areas? Doesn't the**
14 **double door, the wooden double door open into a**
15 **room?**
16 A. Correct, yes.
17 **Q. All right. Is it a large room or is it a small**
18 **room, that it opens into?**
19 A. It's a pretty large room.
20 **Q. Okay, and what room do you call that?**
21 A. The laundry room.
22 **Q. Okay.**
23 A. And my shower room.
24 **Q. But it is a big room?**
25 A. Yes, sir.

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1 **Q. Okay. And, now, is there -- are there any other**
2 **doors that open from the outside of the house into**
3 **that laundry room, other than that big wooden door**
4 **in the back?**
5 A. On the outside?
6 **Q. Any door from the outside of the residence that**
7 **opens up into that laundry room?**
8 A. There's two wooden double doors right here.
9 **Q. I --**
10 A. There's a window right here. No, sir, there's no
11 other door --
12 **Q. Okay.**
13 A. -- connected to that room.
14 **Q. And if you will, please don't draw on the**
15 **diagram --**
16 A. Okay, I'm sorry.
17 **Q. -- if you don't mind.**
18 A. I'm sorry.
19 **Q. So I want to make sure I understand. There's --**
20 **there is one door that opens in from the outside of**
21 **the residence into the laundry room, that you've**
22 **described. And that is on the back, and it is a**
23 **double door. Correct?**
24 A. Correct.
25 **Q. Okay. And what all do you keep in that room, that**

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| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 134</p> <p>1 laundry room?</p> <p>2 A. My shower's there. The hot water heater is there,</p> <p>3 the washing machine and dryer.</p> <p>4 Q. Is there any furniture in there?</p> <p>5 A. Yes, there's a desk and a chair. And, well,</p> <p>6 actually there's a -- there's two. There's a</p> <p>7 rocking chair and another chair. And now there's a</p> <p>8 couch, but then I don't believe the couch was there.</p> <p>9 Q. Okay.</p> <p>10 A. So if we're referring to now --</p> <p>11 Q. No, I'm talking about then.</p> <p>12 A. Then? It -- it was kind of a mess almost. There</p> <p>13 was a table and some carpet. I really don't</p> <p>14 remember. The room is different now, but the -- the</p> <p>15 washing machine and dryer was there, the shower, the</p> <p>16 hot water heater, and a chair. There's one, two,</p> <p>17 three chairs in there, if I remember right --</p> <p>18 Q. Okay.</p> <p>19 A. -- and a table.</p> <p>20 Q. All right. When you talk like -- you've confused me</p> <p>21 a little bit. To make sure I understand, the big</p> <p>22 room that you call the laundry room, that these</p> <p>23 double doors on the back open into, includes the</p> <p>24 shower?</p> <p>25 A. Correct.</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 136</p> <p>1 Q. I'm just asking anything else --</p> <p>2 A. I don't know.</p> <p>3 Q. -- you do recall in there, ma'am.</p> <p>4 A. At that time?</p> <p>5 Q. Yeah.</p> <p>6 A. No, sir, I can't.</p> <p>7 Q. Okay.</p> <p>8 A. No, sir, I don't know.</p> <p>9 Q. Okay. And did you use that room for anything other</p> <p>10 than showers?</p> <p>11 A. Laundry.</p> <p>12 Q. Okay. Now the shower, was the shower just open in</p> <p>13 that room or was there a closed off area for the</p> <p>14 shower?</p> <p>15 A. It is a shower stall, however there's no -- do you</p> <p>16 mean is there privacy there?</p> <p>17 Q. Right.</p> <p>18 A. No, sir, it's like the hot water heater, the shower,</p> <p>19 the washing machine and the dryer. There's no</p> <p>20 partition or nothing there.</p> <p>21 Q. Okay.</p> <p>22 A. It's all open.</p> <p>23 Q. Okay. And you -- and that was the regular shower</p> <p>24 that you used in the residence?</p> <p>25 A. My shower.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 135</p> <p>1 Q. And at the time there were chairs in that room?</p> <p>2 A. Correct.</p> <p>3 Q. It was carpet in that room?</p> <p>4 A. I don't recall if the carpet had been put in, at</p> <p>5 that time --</p> <p>6 Q. Okay.</p> <p>7 A. -- but now there is.</p> <p>8 Q. What else was in that room at the time back in</p> <p>9 August of '11 besides the shower, the chairs?</p> <p>10 A. I believe there's a roll of carpet. I can't really</p> <p>11 recall exactly everything that was in --</p> <p>12 Q. What else do you do recall that was in there, ma'am?</p> <p>13 A. Just a basket with -- and just clothes.</p> <p>14 Q. Was there a table in there?</p> <p>15 A. Yes, sir, there was a table.</p> <p>16 Q. Was there a couch in there?</p> <p>17 A. No, sir, not at that time. I don't believe.</p> <p>18 Q. Was there -- were there chairs in there?</p> <p>19 A. There was -- there was like a regular chair, and</p> <p>20 then there was like an old wooden chair.</p> <p>21 Q. Okay, so there were chairs in there.</p> <p>22 A. Correct.</p> <p>23 Q. All right, what else do you remember being in there?</p> <p>24 A. Towels, shampoo and stuff, by where I take a shower</p> <p>25 at. I don't really recall. I don't know exactly.</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 137</p> <p>1 Q. Your shower. Your personal shower?</p> <p>2 A. Correct.</p> <p>3 Q. Okay. All right, now -- now, Ms. Clark, I want you</p> <p>4 to pick me up with the day or the afternoon that the</p> <p>5 sheriff's office came to your property. Oh, no.</p> <p>6 I'm sorry. Let me -- where were you told that this</p> <p>7 mower was found?</p> <p>8 A. At the front, like right in here somewhere.</p> <p>9 Q. Okay, put mower. Write the word. Put a square and</p> <p>10 write the word "mower" by it, if you don't mind.</p> <p>11 Would you put a square there, please? Okay, just to</p> <p>12 make it clear, I'm going to write the word M-O-W-E-</p> <p>13 R. Okay? And I'm going to draw an arrow to this</p> <p>14 box, okay? That's where you understand the mower</p> <p>15 was found?</p> <p>16 A. Correct, on the corner at the front.</p> <p>17 Q. Okay, and you never saw it there?</p> <p>18 A. No.</p> <p>19 Q. You never saw it anywhere in the back of the</p> <p>20 residence, or on either side of the residence?</p> <p>21 A. No, sir.</p> <p>22 Q. Okay. And when you say you left that morning to</p> <p>23 take your son to school, which way did you go?</p> <p>24 A. This way and down the driveway.</p> <p>25 Q. Okay, and where is the driveway? Where is the road?</p> |

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| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 142</p> <p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. Now did he have a key to that residence?</p> <p>3 A. No, sir.</p> <p>4 Q. And tapping on the door is what woke you up, I</p> <p>5 guess.</p> <p>6 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>7 Q. And then it's decided that he is going to go get</p> <p>8 your son from the bus stop?</p> <p>9 A. Yes.</p> <p>10 Q. All right. And then what did you do, at that point?</p> <p>11 A. I sat there and -- well, actually I laid back down</p> <p>12 for a minute or two. I believe I had my laptop. I</p> <p>13 might have had my laptop on, or something like that.</p> <p>14 And I sat there and waited. And I looked at the</p> <p>15 time, I believe, and decided I needed to go ahead</p> <p>16 and take a shower, because we had talked about pizza</p> <p>17 and a movie. And I hadn't got up. So I was kind of</p> <p>18 like I need to go get in the shower.</p> <p>19 Q. Okay. And then tell me what happened then.</p> <p>20 A. When I went to get in the shower?</p> <p>21 Q. Yeah.</p> <p>22 A. I was looking at my phone. I just had got a new</p> <p>23 Alltel phone. And I pretty much had -- most of my</p> <p>24 vision was on the phone. Walked through the house,</p> <p>25 opened the door, which the room was dark --</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 144</p> <p>1 Q. And you say it was dark?</p> <p>2 A. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q. Okay. And you said you kicked off your pants --</p> <p>4 A. Correct.</p> <p>5 Q. -- in a basket?</p> <p>6 A. Correct.</p> <p>7 Q. What room were you in, when you kicked off your</p> <p>8 pants into a basket?</p> <p>9 A. I was in the laundry room.</p> <p>10 Q. Okay. What were you doing in the laundry room, in</p> <p>11 the dark?</p> <p>12 A. I was getting ready to take a shower and get ready</p> <p>13 for whenever Ethan and Buddy came back. We were</p> <p>14 supposed to do dinner and a movie.</p> <p>15 Q. Why didn't you turn the light on?</p> <p>16 A. The light switch is all ways at the other end --</p> <p>17 Q. Okay.</p> <p>18 A. -- and I would have had to walk across --</p> <p>19 Q. Don't draw on the diagram.</p> <p>20 A. -- the room. I would have had to walk across the</p> <p>21 room to where the light switch was at.</p> <p>22 Q. I see. So you had just walked into the laundry room</p> <p>23 and kicked off your pants?</p> <p>24 A. Correct.</p> <p>25 Q. And the room was dark?</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 143</p> <p>1 Q. Wait a minute. You were in the house.</p> <p>2 A. The bed -- there's a bedroom door, and then there's</p> <p>3 a laundry room door.</p> <p>4 Q. Okay.</p> <p>5 A. And went through the door, and then went to the</p> <p>6 laundry room, opened the door, which was dark.</p> <p>7 Q. Okay.</p> <p>8 A. I was looking at my phone. And I thought, well, I</p> <p>9 should turn the light on, but I still was looking at</p> <p>10 my phone. I had kicked off my pants and kind of --</p> <p>11 just kind of kicked them off. And they went into a</p> <p>12 basket that was nearby. And the next thing I know,</p> <p>13 I'm out on the ground and all these people are in my</p> <p>14 backyard.</p> <p>15 Q. Okay, so you're walking in your house, and you're</p> <p>16 going through an interior door into the laundry</p> <p>17 room; is that right?</p> <p>18 A. Correct.</p> <p>19 Q. Okay, and the laundry room is dark; is that correct?</p> <p>20 A. Correct.</p> <p>21 Q. Okay. And you never turned the light on, in the</p> <p>22 laundry room?</p> <p>23 A. I didn't have a chance to.</p> <p>24 Q. Did you ever turn the light on, in the laundry room?</p> <p>25 A. No.</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 145</p> <p>1 A. Correct.</p> <p>2 Q. And -- and -- and you didn't turn the light on?</p> <p>3 A. No, sir.</p> <p>4 Q. All right, and then what happened?</p> <p>5 A. I -- it's like it happened, and I screamed. And I'm</p> <p>6 on the ground and all these people are around. And</p> <p>7 he was the one.</p> <p>8 Q. Go ahead.</p> <p>9 A. He was the one that pulled me outside.</p> <p>10 Q. Okay, so you walk into the laundry room. It's pitch</p> <p>11 black, dark?</p> <p>12 A. Correct.</p> <p>13 Q. You kicked your pants off. And then in -- and then</p> <p>14 the first thing you know is you're on the ground?</p> <p>15 A. I'm outside, on the ground.</p> <p>16 Q. The next thing you know, you're outside on the</p> <p>17 ground?</p> <p>18 A. It just -- just like that. Just quick.</p> <p>19 Q. Okay, make -- make sure we describe everything you</p> <p>20 can remember.</p> <p>21 A. I screamed.</p> <p>22 Q. Let me finish. You walked out of the -- you walk</p> <p>23 out of the one room of your house into the laundry</p> <p>24 room. The laundry room is dark.</p> <p>25 A. Correct.</p> |